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MY PLATFORM

By the Candidates

CARLETON B. BELL

"I was born in San Diego, California, May 3, 1888, was married May 3, 1910, started work for Pacific Electric Nov. 1, 1914, and have been employed by them continuously since, excepting for 21 months Army service during the World War. I moved to Torrance with my family in February, 1922, and built a home where I have lived since.

"Statements such as this do not appeal to me as all are bound by honor and common sense to make the same statements and promises. Having served for two years in the position to which I now seek reelection, I promise only a continuance of the same policies which I have followed the previous two years; and I will gladly abide by the judgment of my fellow townsmen as to the wisdom of those policies. I have not made, nor will I make in the future, any promises other than this to any person or group.

"I believe water is the most important problem confronting the people and their council at the present time because of the important part it plays in the economy of every home. A deal should be made with the Water Company if it is possible to do so with advantage to the people and every honorable means should be used to bring this about. I believe that expert advice and careful analysis are essential to a desirable termination of this matter.

"I do not seek reelection from personal desires but because of the belief of many friends that I can thus better serve the community for which I have always had the ambition that it be the best community possible for the great 'Common People' to live and rear their families in. If I am re-elected, I will be glad to listen to the constructive criticisms of my opponents and if defeated, to cooperate with them in any way I can."

CARLETON B. BELL

W. T. KLUSMAN
"Mr. Grover Whyte,
"Editor of the Torrance Herald.
"Dear Sir:

"According to your request I herewith state my platform upon which I present myself to the Torrance electors, for City Councilman on April the 11th.

"I stand for the same principles of City government as I have stood for, for the twelve years since Torrance was incorporated. I am for a government of the People, for the People, and by the People. Special privileges to none, Equal rights for all and everyone.

"I am for, to aid the unemployed within our City's means; I am for—that all the people of the annexed territory shall enjoy the same privileges of our Government on equal terms.

"I am against the proposed City Charter.

"I am for—that our present School System that it shall remain as it is today. I am for—that Torrance citizens shall have the first chance on Torrance City work wherever possible.

"I am for, paying for all City work at a living fair wage.

W. T. KLUSMAN

"Candidate for City Councilman."

C. EARL CONNER

"C. Earl Conner came to Torrance eight years ago, and since that time he has acquired the properties of the Plaza Hotel and Earl's Cafe. His experiences obtained from the successful operation of these two businesses has given him a valuable insight into taxation, special assessments, and various problems that face property owners, business men and working people. As manager of Earl's Cafe, Mr. Conner has had years of daily contact with the working man and his problems. Earl Conner served 26 months in the United States Army during the war, half of which time was spent overseas. He is a past commander of the American Legion post at Torrance and active in all veterans' work.

"C. Earl Conner has had one year's experience as councilman in Torrance, having been appointed to complete the term of Willis M. Brooks in 1927. During his councilmanic term, Earl Conner was outspoken in his convictions, always representing the wishes of the people as a whole and not favoring any special groups. As a councilman, he was fair, tolerant, and kind to all.

"Every cent of money that Earl Conner has in this world is invested in Torrance. Earl believes that a great deal of constructive work may be done by the city

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JOHN DENNIS

"When a man has served his city six years as mayor, as John Dennis has done, it would seem unnecessary for him to issue a statement. His past record of achievements speaks for itself. But the public is prone to forget the good deeds of its faithful servants, so Mayor Dennis' campaign committee wishes to recall to your memory a few of the outstanding accomplishments of Mayor Dennis' terms, and to point out a few of his sterling characteristics.

"In his entire six years on the City Council, John Dennis has kept his record clean, his faith unshaken, and his courage undaunted. Friend and opponent alike, admit his unimpeachable honesty, both in private and public life. Don't forget it was Honest John Dennis who remained steadfast against corruption and attempted graft in the installation of Torrance's ornamental lighting system. Don't forget it was Honest John Dennis who fought unceasingly for the best interests of Torrance water consumers in their battle with the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company. Don't forget it is Honest John Dennis who is still fighting for better water and lower rates. This battle is not over, yet. Within the next four years, no doubt, attempts will be made to sell the present water company to the city at a big price. You can depend upon John Dennis to protect your interests in this important matter; and if it seems advisable to acquire the holdings of the present water company, that only a fair price will be paid, consistent with the value of these holdings to the city.

"Mayor Dennis possesses a pleasing and impressive personality. He is respected and honored wherever he goes. His judgment carries weight among the other members of the Metropolitan Water District Board and on the Metropolitan Sewer District Board, on both of which important boards he officially represents the City of Torrance. It was on Mayor Dennis' motion and solely through his efforts that directors of the Metropolitan Sewer District last year reduced the assessment rate three cents, which brought a saving of approximately \$7200 to Torrance property owners.

"Mayor Dennis is well known throughout the county and wherever he goes he is respected and honored for his integrity, his sincerity, and his devotion to unselfish public service. He gives unstintingly of his time to advance the best interests of Torrance. He has extensive property interests in Torrance. He is vitally concerned in the future development of this city. You can depend upon Honest John Dennis to represent your interests faithfully, honestly, impartially, and unselfishly in the future as he has so ably done in the past. Keep an honest man in office. They are hard to find.

"Signed—DENNIS FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEE."

R. V. ROELOFS

TO THE VOTERS OF TORRANCE:

Having been a home owner, resident and tax payer of Torrance since 1924, and knowing somewhat of the problems facing us at this time, I have permitted my name to be placed on the ballot for the office of councilman, short term.

I am endorsed by no organization, of a political nature, and am not allied with any of the candidates, preferring to "run" as an independent in the strictest sense of the term.

I wish you to know and believe that I am your candidate.

As for my policies, common sense and sound judgment, competent counsel, and the fair deal, are the three principles of management which I shall at all times endeavor to promote, not for the few only, but for all.

R. V. ROELOFS

Your Candidate,
1238 Amapola avenue.

R. R. SMITH

"As a citizen, a tax payer and member of the city council, I have always considered the municipality as a corporation, just the same as any private organization which is incorporated under the laws of the State of California, with this difference:

"The citizens or voters are the stockholders, who, in turn elect their directors or trustees. These trustees are responsible to the stockholders for their actions or activities during their administration.

"In a municipality, the dividends consist of the protection to life and property; maintenance, repair

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GARDEN HOSE MANUFACTURE IS NEW ANGLE

D. & M. Works Installs Equipment to Add New Side-line to Their Output

Installation of equipment to utilize a waste product has added another popular line to the output of the D. & M. Machine Works, located on Artesiano avenue, in Torrance. Garden hose by the thousands of feet is being manufactured here, and so far the product has been eagerly snapped up by jobbers and hardware dealers for resale to the trade. Of a superior quality, and a moderate price, the hose is meeting with a ready distribution.

At present only the three-quarter inch hose is being made, but as the business warrants it other sizes will be added.

The D. & M. Machine Works devotes itself principally to the manufacture of oil well pistons and rods and its product is known all over the world wherever oil wells are drilled and pumping. The piston, of cast steel, is faced with rubber, and it was the problem of utilizing waste from this facing that finally resolved itself into the plan for manufacturing the hose.

This angle of manufacture has been in operation only about two weeks but already more than 25,000 feet of hose has been made and the entire product sold.

An interesting feature of the office equipment at the D. & M. Works, is the Postal teletype, a machine which enables the management to get in instant communication with its warehouses scattered about over the country in the various great oil field centers. Daily reports of sales permits the dispatch of supplies to any point where needed without unnecessary delay.

Firemen Are Hosts At Dinner Monday Evening

Entertain City Associates at Bountiful Repast Served at the Station

Sixty-one hosts and guests of the Torrance fire department sat down to a bountiful turkey dinner, served with all the accessories of cranberry sauce, salads, fancy dishes, pies and cakes, at the fire station Monday evening. Members of the city council, police department, fire department, with their wives and families, shared in this delightful repast, prepared by the wives of several members who outdid themselves in the preparation of the tasty viands.

The occasion was nothing special, according to Assistant Chief A. D. Stevenson, merely a friendly gesture from the fire department to their associates around the city hall. It was enjoyed to the utmost by all who attended.

Ed Little, A. H. Bartlett and S. E. Smith, were the committee on arrangements, assisted by Ellis Harner, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Ben Hannebrink, Mrs. J. E. McMaisters, Mrs. Ed Benner, Mrs. J. J. Benner, Mrs. A. D. Stevenson and others. The wives of the firemen who contributed some dainty to the feast.

Guests and hosts included Mayor John Dennis, City Councilmen, Carleton B. Bell, R. R. Smith, G. A. Steiner, Sergeant John Stroh, Ernest Ashton, Frank Schumacher and Traffic Officer Wm. Mallin; Fire Chief Ben Hannebrink, Assistant Chief A. D. Stevenson, Capt. A. H. Bartlett, Lieutenant Roy Winters, Ed Little, W. T. Jones, G. D. Mosher, Engineer J. J. Benner, Engineer J. E. McMaister, S. E. Smith, C. C. Benner, W. C. Silence, W. J. Neff, Ellis Harner, Edgar Dumont, Albert Dumont, their wives and families, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Benner of Los Angeles.

Fingers Torn Off In Cable Mishap

As he reached out to get his coat which had been sent up to him on a cable, Virgil Wood, 461 Narbonne avenue, South Torrance, caught his hand between the cable and the traveling block. Three fingers and part of the index finger of his right hand were so badly lacerated that they had to be amputated. Wood was working at the top of an oil derrick at the time of the accident.

THE ELECTION

Candidates - Charter - Promotion Tax
AN EDITORIAL

By Grover C. Whyte

Which four candidates will you select next Monday to represent you on the City Council? It is a serious matter, which affects your pocketbook, your investments and the development of your city.

Four years is a long time in the life of a new city like Torrance. The next four years are particularly important, because they will be re-construction years. Within this period the nation will no doubt emerge from the depths of the present depression to the heights of economic prosperity. The extent to which Torrance will participate in this return to prosperity will depend largely upon the decisions which will be made by the members of the City Council.

We must remember that the City Council not only spends the taxpayer's money, but it also levies the tax. Because of its large undeveloped area and industrial plants, and its economic city government, Torrance now has the second lowest municipal tax rate in the county. But it is within the power of the City Council to raise the tax rate unwarrantedly and to spend the money ruthlessly. It is likewise within the power of the City Council to scrimp on public expenditures to the extent that the growth of the city is stifled. The right kind of councilmen will spend carefully but wisely.

In a word, Torrance needs far-sighted experienced business men in its City Hall. It needs men of keen judgment, of unquestioned honesty, and of intelligent foresight. It needs men of courage, of impartiality and of vision.

The successful solution of the water question will be one of the biggest problems of the incoming City Council. No doubt attempts will be made to sell the present water company's system to the city at a big price. This must not happen. If it seems advisable to purchase the present distributing system, we should have men on the City Council who will demand that it be bought at a fair price. Torrance wants a municipally owned and operated water system, which will furnish good water at fair rates. If it seems wise to buy the present water company's holdings, only a fair price must be paid, commensurate with the value of these properties to the city.

The matter will be in the hands of the men you elect next Monday. Study their qualifications carefully before you vote. Four years is a long time.

THE CHARTER

The Herald favors the adoption of the City Charter. While attempts have been made to defeat the charter by finding fault with certain of its clauses, the charter still remains the most constructive piece of legislation that has been offered Torrance voters since this city was incorporated. There may be some faults that may have to be corrected by amendments at future elections, but the charter as a whole is a big step in the right direction and its adoption will do much to advance the future development of this city. Its virtues far outweigh its faults. We must have confidence in ourselves if we are to progress. We must have a modern vehicle if we are to keep up with the procession. The charter is our vehicle for advancement.

THE PROMOTION TAX

Advertising and publicity, coupled with other types of promotion, has built the Southland. It was advertising and promotion that transformed the shifting sands of a desert wasteland to the present City of Torrance. The Chamber of Commerce is the promotion department of the City of Torrance. If you take away the promotion tax, you take away the sales department of your city. If Torrance is to compete with other aggressive cities of the Southland, it must continue to keep its name before the nation. Experience has proven that the only equitable way to finance civic promotion is by taxation. Take away your promotion tax and you will kill your Chamber of Commerce. The cost of the proposed promotion tax to the average home owner is less than 90 cent a year. Surely any Torrance property owner can see the wisdom of spending 90 cents a year to encourage the development of his property. To insure the adoption of the 5-cent tax, voters should vote "No" on Ordinance 230 and "Yes" on Ordinance 231.

Lendel Elder Takes Oratory Contest

Lendel Elder, speaking on "The Citizen, His Duties and Privileges Under the Constitution," was unanimously awarded first place in the Torrance high school oratorical finals held Tuesday afternoon. The judges of the event were C. T. Rippey, Rev. O. D. Wonder and Rev. Kemp J. Winkler.

Keystone Host to Harbor Group

Keystone Chamber of Commerce will be host to the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce at its next meeting to be held at Boosters hall on Main street, Thursday evening, April 14. The Woman's Club of Keystone will serve dinner at 6:30 o'clock.

Many Teachers Are Dismissed

Some of Best Teachers in Local Schools Not to Be Re-hired

All probationary school teachers in the Torrance elementary schools were notified this week along with about 500 others in the Los Angeles city system that they will be dismissed at the close of the school year in June. The ruling affects all but one of the present school teachers in the Walteria school, as well as a large number in the Fern street and elementary school on Marina avenue. Among the group to be dismissed are many who are considered among the best teachers in the Torrance schools. Their places will be taken by a large number of permanent teachers returning from leaves of absence. Superintendent of Schools Frank A. Bouelle stated.

Principal Wood of the Torrance high school predicted some time ago that if the city charter passed and Torrance took over its own schools that approximately 90 per cent of the present Torrance teachers would not accept appointment under a local board. Proponents of the charter point out that should this happen as Wood predicts, that Torrance would have no difficulty in acquiring an able corps of teachers from among the 500 who are to be discharged in June. It is also estimated by County School Commissioner Clifton that there are at present between 1000 and 2000 teachers out of employment in the county.

JAP GARDENER ARRAIGNED ON FOOD CHARGE

County Health Officers Said to Have Traced Poison Spinach Here

On complaint of Jonathan Kirkpatrick, chief food investigator for the county health department, alleging violation of county ordinances relating to food products, Y. Miyawaki, a Japanese truck gardener, whose address is given as Route 1, Box 213, Torrance, was arraigned in the local justice court Tuesday and was released on \$500 bonds to appear for trial at 10 o'clock Friday morning, April 8.

The charge against Miyawaki as recited in the complaint alleges the offering for sale and preparing for sale for human consumption spinach which had been treated with poisonous and injurious substances.

Fifteen persons residing in the West Hollywood and Beverly Hills district became ill several days ago with similar symptoms after eating spinach, the source of which supply it was alleged after investigation by the county health department had been traced to Torrance. At Miyawaki's ranch near this city, it was stated that a quantity of poisonous spray and empty containers had been found.

Several witnesses have been subpoenaed to testify in the case which will come before Judge John Dennis tomorrow morning.

Free Flour to Be Distributed

Wheat Surplus Contributed By Government in Effort to Relieve Distress

The Torrance Relief Society will share in the government's distribution of free flour, according to an announcement made this week by Mrs. Caroline Collins, president of the society.

The flour is milled at United Flour centers over the United States, from the wheat surplus in the hands of the government. It is being distributed to all sections of the country through the Red Cross.

The quota that will come to Torrance will be handled through the Red Cross chapter at Los Angeles, and a three-months supply, based on a survey of the community needs, will be available. The Torrance Relief Society will requisition its supply from this source and distribute the flour locally as it is needed.

ELECTION MONDAY IS MOST DOUBTFUL IN CITY HISTORY

No Predictions Forthcoming On Council Race, Charter, or Promotion Tax

Monday next week is election day, and while only three days remain before the voters go to the polls, those close to the local political situation freely admit that it is "anybody's race" and no one seems to be willing to predict just what the outcome will be. It is the best free-for-all race

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

FOUR-YEAR TERM

(Vote for Three)

CAMERON, Rev. Matthew F., 1636 Post avenue, Christian healing practitioner.

CONNER, Earl, proprietor of Earl's Cafe, 1625 Cabrillo avenue.

DENNIS, John, incumbent mayor and justice of peace, Lomita township.

KLUSMAN, Wm. T., engineer, 2018 Carson street.

LUDLOW, Scott, 1329 Engracia avenue, paymaster, Union Tool.

MORRIS, C. L., 2108 Cabrillo avenue, real estate dealer.

SMITH, R. R., incumbent councilman, 2004 Carson street, employment and welfare manager, Union Tool.

WILKES, Thos. J., 2717 Carson street, section store-keeper, Pacific Electric Shops.

TWO-YEAR TERM

(Vote for One)

BELL, Carleton B., incumbent councilman, 1544 Marcellina avenue, chief clerk, Pacific Electric Shops.

ROELOFS, Richard V., unemployed, 1328 Amapola.

WRIGHT, J. M., retired, 1024 Arlington avenue.

that has ever been held in the history of this city. Eight candidates are seeking election to fill the three vacancies on the four-year term of the City Council, and three candidates are running to fill the unexpired term of E. C. Nelson, resigned.

Voters will also decide the fate of the proposed city charter and the repeal or amendment of the promotion tax, commonly called the "Chamber of Commerce tax."

If the repeal ordinance No. 230 receives more affirmative votes than the amendment ordinance No. 231, the local Chamber of Commerce will be deprived of all support from taxes. For this reason, advocates of the five-cent promotion tax are being asked to vote "No" on ordinance 230 and "Yes" on ordinance 231. They will be printed on different colored ballots, according to City Clerk Bartlett.

Bartlett announced this week that the polling place of precinct number nine has been changed from 2108 Andro avenue to 1904 Andro avenue. All polling precincts will be open Monday from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. The official registration is in excess of 3400, and it is anticipated that over 2300 votes will be cast.

Rate Committee Asks Information

Actual Amount of Water Consumed Necessary Base of Proposed New Prices

Further information was asked from the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company as to the actual amount of water consumed under its minimum charge, at a meeting of the committee appointed to draw up a schedule of rates to be submitted to the state railroad commission in an effort to secure lower water rates in Torrance. Under the present rates the minimum charge of \$1.25 represents a consumption of 500 cubic feet. In reality the amount of water consumed under this rate falls considerably below this figure.

When this information, and also similar information as to the amount of water consumed under the successive fixed charges now established, has been obtained the committee will have a definite basis from which to draw their conclusions.

Register for Road Work at Engineer's Office

Men who wish to obtain county employment in the building of Sequoia boulevard must register at the office of the city engineer, says that official, Frank R. Leonard. Certain information required by the county in regard to the applicant makes this necessary. Men must be residents of the city of Torrance.

FORWARD PLAN OF EXTENDING SHIP CHANNEL

Supervisors Order Survey Made in Plan to Enlarge Los Angeles Harbor

That Torrance will in a few years be located upon or within a very short distance of deep water transportation became evident this week with the announcement of plans promoted by Supervisor John Quinn of the Fourth district, to undertake a survey and thorough study of the possibilities of extending the present, Los Angeles harbor through the Bixby slough to a point east of this city and perhaps as far as Gardena.

ELECTION RETURNS

Arrangements have been made by the Torrance Herald to announce the results of Monday's election as soon as the ballots are counted in the various precincts. Telephone inquiries will be answered from the Herald office, phone 444, until midnight. As soon as the final results are known, the Herald will post bulletins at the Dolley Drug Co., Beacon Drug Co., Torrance Pharmacy, and Aloom Drug Co.